

GOVERNMENT ASKS BUILDERS TO WAIT

War Programme Requirements Far in Excess of Available Supply of Materials.

PRICES REFLECT DEMAND

Brick Rises to \$10—Cement Supply 40 P. C. Less Than Year Ago—Market Quiet.

With the idea of so conserving available building material supplies as to cause no embarrassment to Government construction regardless of the scope that war time exigencies may demand, the tendency at Washington is more and more toward centralizing effort toward only essential construction work, according to the Dow Service Daily Bulletin Reports to-day.

Recent reports on the supplies of building materials at various distributing points show stocks very little in excess of the total amount the Government authorities thought they would need. The result that has been reached is that the military and naval programme it is not known just how the various building material producers will be able to meet the emergency if it is found that it is not permitted to proceed. It is apparently not the intention of the authorities to issue a blanket order to stop all building construction save that of the Government until such time as it can be obtained as to just how much building material is available, those contemplating private non-essential construction work are being requested by letter from the proper authorities to defer their projects.

Some idea of the pressure already being leveled upon the building industry is evidenced in the trade last week when it became known that it might be necessary for the Government to take over the steel producing capacity of the country. In the Portland cement districts it was learned that in spite of every effort toward high efficiency, the stocks of cement on hand were not sufficient to take care of war time requirements for all grades by to-day. This change is partly due to the stress of demand and low productivity and the increasing probability of a shortage of cement within the near future.

One of the first things that the Government will determine is whether there is sufficient building material to permit the construction of army barracks and at the same time permit a reasonable quantity of private construction work to proceed. There is no hope of increasing the supply of materials, and the Government is guaranteed. Happily the outlook is brightening as the situation is being demonstrated to the authorities at Washington.

The biggest feature of the past week in construction circles was the announcement that the War Department has awarded a general contract for the construction of army barracks in Brooklyn, to cost approximately \$40,000,000. Federal structural operations continue as fast as possible, according to the current reports will most likely remain so for the balance of the war. Private building projects are being held in check, and only such operations as are absolutely essential to the health and economic welfare of the people are progressing.

At present there are numerous alterations jobs under way or in contemplation for the transformation of the old apartment houses into barracks. This phase of construction is now of prime importance as it will provide accommodations for the army and navy. Sixty Six Goods Company, St. Louis, first vice-president; J. E. Richards of the Poem, Richards Company, Dayton, Ohio, second vice-president; and A. P. Allison of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, third vice-president, were elected. Illinois—V. Pearce of Carson, Pirie, Scott, Chicago. Indiana—Charles Brechman of Lewis Meier Company, Indianapolis. Kansas—Harry McKay of Lakin Mercantile. Minnesota—John Hartig of Wyman, Partridge & Co., Minneapolis. Maryland—A. K. Baer of Strouse, Baer & Company, Baltimore. Oregon—Orestes Tschering of Oregon City Manufacturing Company, Oregon City. Other trustees and vice-presidents of the association were re-elected.

EASE UP ON BASS FISHING.

That is Plea of Conservation Commissioner Pratt.

ALBANY, May 19.—Conservation Commissioner Pratt has issued notices to fishermen in all parts of the State urging them to ease up on bass fishing until after July 1, and to give their support to legislation for extending the closed season until that time. Mr. Pratt says that bass are decreasing and that there is no known way of increasing the family by artificial means. He points out that fishing over spawning beds means the loss of 3,000 to 10,000 eggs.

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Let us therefore, says the Commissioner, "give father a chance to do his bit in food conservation by working for an extension of the close season until July 1, and let us refrain from fishing over the spawning beds whenever we find him gulling and nest even if it is during the open season."

TELLS IRISH TO FIGHT BOCHES.

Dr. Cadman Says Britain and America Never Will Be at War.

The Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman delivered an address on the West Side Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, in which he said that the internal difficulties of France were caused by corrupt journalism.

Dr. Cadman declared it is the duty of every lover of freedom to count well as any other, to be fighting the Germans. He said: "There will never be a war between this country and Great Britain, no matter what some 3,000 millionaires who want to save Ireland with their money may hope or think. I cannot conceive how any Irishman can fall in the day of battle. There are 100,000 valiant Irishmen now fighting at the front. It will be some day to the eternal disgrace of some that they faltered in the day of battle. A man who plays false in an hour like this carries down through the years to come a tremendous responsibility."

LIVE TOPICS OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

SCHAFFNER ESTATE SET AS \$3,075,000

Widow Gets \$50,000 and Interest for Life on Bulk of Clothier's Fortune.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
CHICAGO, May 19.—The will of Joseph Schaffner, secretary-treasurer of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, the largest clothing manufacturing house in the United States, has been filed for probate here. The will disposes of \$3,000,000 personal property and \$75,000 real estate. Sara H. Schaffner, widow of the decedent, and Lesing Rosenthal are named as executrices.

Twenty thousand dollars is given to the Michael Reese Hospital of Chicago and \$12,000 to Northwestern University for its school of commerce. The trust fund which may aggregate \$450,000 in case no descendant of the testator should be living at the death of the last survivor of his wife and children. To the widow is given \$50,000 for her immediate personal use and also the family home and grounds. Other bequests are made to relatives and friends and the remainder of the estate is transferred to four trustees.

The interest on the estate is to be paid to the widow during her life, and upon her death or on January 1, 1927, should her death occur prior to that time, the trustees are to distribute all the trust estate to her children, and then to divide it with the exception of a fund to be equal to \$150,000 for each child, and which may therefore aggregate \$450,000.

Camouflage Army Tents.
Probable plans of the Government to camouflage army tents so as to deceive enemy airplanes are creating interest in print cloth circles in conjunction with the activity of Government agents who are reported taking a census of the capacities of print cloth plants.

In some quarters the print cloth method of camouflage is questioned, it being stated that paint and brush would better answer the purpose.

Silk Embargo Condemned.
Special Dispatch to The Sun.
SCRANTON, May 19.—Complaining that their industry is being crippled, and that 20,000 workers in their employ probably will have to be discharged unless action is taken to lift the embargo placed by several railroads on silk manufacturers at a meeting here, the silk manufacturers are planning to have the embargo abolished.

They urged manufacturers in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre to join them.

URGE U. S. USE TECHNICAL MEN.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Manufacturers of technical men are urging the Government to use technical men for army work here have suggested to Washington that shop foremen and superintendents of departments should be held in December.

The committee and board being organized to consider the policies of the Quartermaster Department.

Garment Manufacturers Elect.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
CHICAGO, May 19.—New York has been chosen as the site for the twentieth annual convention of the National Association of Garment Manufacturers, to be held in December.

The officers elected are: J. E. Richards of the Poem, Richards Company, Dayton, Ohio, first vice-president; J. E. Richards of the Poem, Richards Company, Dayton, Ohio, second vice-president; and A. P. Allison of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, third vice-president, were elected.

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United States Needs Supplies.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, May 19.—Large supplies are needed by the United States for the beginning of the war. The textile and cotton goods requirements summarized are:

One hundred thousand aprons, 1,000,000 bed socks, 30,000 white duck coats, 300,000 denim coats, 400,000 olive drab cotton shirts, 300,000 denim trousers, 300,000 duck trousers, 4,500 coats' long coats.

National Organization Planned.

The Manufacturers Council of the State of New Jersey, probably the only organization of its kind in the United States, is planning to form a national body. To this end it has invited manufacturers of New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware to meet in Atlantic City.

It is intended to attempt to form similar councils in these States and later in adjoining Commonwealths.

Sue for \$20,000 They Lost by Discharging 2

WHEN the employers of Edwin M. and Charles W. Cohn discharged them from the former cut themselves off from sales of waltzes aggregating \$20,000 and \$20,000 profits, according to statements the employers have made in court.

"For with their walking papers" the Cohns took with them also their unique and extraordinary talent selling skill, and we have been unable to replace them," say the former employers.

All the facts came out when the Cohns brought suit in the Supreme Court of New York City to recover \$20,000 and \$20,000 profits, according to statements the employers have made in court.

Petition in Bankruptcy.
Petitions in bankruptcy filed Saturday in the United States District Court were: **MARY J. WALKER**, alias "The Girl in the White Dress," a woman of a storehouse, 164 Eleventh avenue, New York City, who was arrested on May 19, 1918, for the same offense.

Schedule in Bankruptcy.
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Print Cloth Market.
First hand prices for print cloth for nearby deliveries Saturday were as follows:

An idea of the situation in lawn showing at what they were available Saturday follows:	
COMBED LAWNS.	
74x12 40 inch 9.00	Cen 21
80x80 40 inch 9.50	22
84x80 40 inch 10.50	23
84x80 40 inch 10.50	24
94x82 40 inch 7.50	25
94x82 40 inch 7.50	26
98x80 40 inch 8.50	27
CARDED LAWNS.	
72x60 36 inch 10.00	13
72x74 40 inch 9.00	14
80x74 40 inch 9.00	15
80x74 40 inch 6.00	16